

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-14 were examined in the Office Action under reply and were rejected solely under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,815,160. Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer over the '160 patent. Thus, this basis for rejection has been overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define a patentable invention.

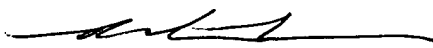
Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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